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SUBJECT: ANP AND PPP MOVING TOWARDS ACCOMMODATION WITH THE  
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11. (S) Summary: In recent separate meetings, Awami National Party (ANP) Chairman Senator Asfandiyar Wali Khan and Pakistan People's Party I Both leaders were prepared to support an alliance of "liberal" forces under Musharraf, as their parties and the ruling party would face a c -- the Islamists. If this were not possible, the parties would accept a post-electoral alliance. The ANP and PPPP were prepared to cooperat  
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12. (C) In a March 17 meeting with the Ambassador, ANP Chairman Senator Asfandiyar Wali Khan stated that following extensive discussions the P Asfandiyar sought an electoral understanding for 2007 with the Pakistan Muslim League (PML) and other like-minded parties, including the PPPP,

13. (S) While Asfandiyar termed his meeting with Musharraf "positive," he shared a number of concerns about the GOP's counterterrorism effort As a first step, administration should be shifted from the federal to the NWFP provincial government, thereby building political ties between ISLAMABAD 00004767 002.2 OF 002

claimed to have pressed Musharraf for closer cooperation with his party as it pursued terrorists in the FATA. He cited several cases in which Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians

15. (C) In a separate meeting the same evening with poloff, PPPP Chairman Makhdoom Amin Fahim raised many of the same points, including the r  
Comment

16. (C) Post believes that the ANP and the PPPP had coordinated their messages and are serious about their shared desire to build a pre-elect

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